

WESTMOUNTER W. EARLE McLAUGHLIN AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE

MONTREAL / November 24, 1987 --- Concordia University will honour Westmount resident and former Chancellor, W. Earle McLaughlin, with an honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D) degree at the University's Fall Convocation. The ceremony will be held this coming Monday, November 30, 1987, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at Place Des Arts' Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier.

Mr. McLaughlin served as Chancellor from January 1982 until December of last year. During all of that time he developed an "on-campus" reputation for diligence, integrity, and extreme good humour.

Those same qualities had long been recognized by the international banking community, of course. Mr. McLaughlin was one of Canada's most respected business leaders when he was approached about the Concordia posting in 1981.

During 44 years of service with Canada's largest bank, the Royal Bank of Canada, Mr. McLaughlin earned a reputation for honesty, forthrightness, and keen business acumen. Starting at the bottom at the Royal, he worked his way to the top and spent 18 years as its Chief Executive Officer.

Even after retiring as Chairman and CEO in 1980, Mr. McLaughlin remained a member of the Royal's Board of Directors and continued to hold memberships on corporate boards throughout Canada and abroad.

Besides adding dignity and status to the ceremonial role the Chancellor plays at Concordia, Earle McLaughlin's active participation in the work of Concordia's Board of Governors, and its many committees, has left a legacy that will be appreciated for many years to come.

When he stepped down as Chancellor, then Board of Governors Chairman Donald W. McNaughton said that Concordia had benefitted enormously from Mr. McLaughlin's guidance, good humour and excellent advice.

Other Governors praised the outgoing Chancellor for his "dedication, wise counsel and ceaseless efforts to further the interests of Concordia University during his five years in office."

A graduate of Queen's University, the 72-year-old Mr. McLaughlin already holds honorary degrees from Mount Allison University, Queen's, St. Lawrence University, St. Mary's University and Bishop's University. He is also the recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award and the Distinguished Fellow Award of the Centre for International Banking Studies at the University of Virginia.

Approximately 916 graduate and undergraduate students will receive degrees at Monday's ceremony. They represent the Faculties of Engineering and Computer Science, Fine Arts, Commerce and Administration, and Arts and Science.